

The Sinclair Broadcasting decision to require their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary only days before the election is a ringing example of the dangers of media consolidation to our liberties.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge. Sinclair is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When mega companies such as Sinclair control the airwaves and use the medium in this manner, the public gets far less than the kinds of information required to sustain a viable democracy and much more of what fattens the corporate bottom line. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away and long ago, it is more important that the public see real people from our own communities and more substantive news and views about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.